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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Judith E. Hinkle, et al.
Serial No.: 09/081,815
Filed: September 18, 2002
Tit: ASSAYS FOR MODULATORS OF PROLYL-4-HYDROXYLASE
Group Art Unit: 1632
Examiner: R. Shukla

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the September 25, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants request that the following remarks and amendments be entered.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 20.

1. (Amended) A method for evaluating a test compound's ability to modulate prolyl-4-hydroxylase (4H), comprising the steps of:
a) introducing a test compound into a test dimeric Chondroblast-like cells, a 4H-deficient modified Chondroblast-like cells, or a wild-type Chondroblast-like cells, wherein the test dimeric Chondroblast-like cells